

B. Version with Markings to Show Changes Made

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1 before the first line, insert the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of International Patent Application No. PCT/EP99/00604 filed on January 26, 1999.

Amend the paragraph at lines 21 and 22 to read:

The problem is solved according to the present invention by a process having [a] features of [the] independent Claim 1.

Amend the paragraph spanning pages 3 and 4 to read:

A further advantage of the invention lies in the fact that one does not, as in the known application of the mass or dispersion used for impregnation by means of spreading rollers, have to proceed with a relatively slow impregnation velocity of for example 18 to 25 m/min, in order to achieve an adequately uniform application, but that using the process according to the invention, in which the mass of dispersion is supplied by means of nozzles, one can [be] achieve or realize impregnation velocities of 40 to 50 m/min.

Amend the paragraph on page 4 at lines 10-17 to read:

A special dispersion is first pre-mixed in a reservoir vessel having stirring means. Stirred into this are 200 kg melamine resin (Kauramin soaking resin 786 from Messr BASF), 10 kg water, 1.5 kg of a wetting agent, 0.4 kg of a separating agent and 1.5 kg hardener (H 527 from Messrs BASF). Then there is added 80 kg. corundum having a mean particle size of 135 μ -m. After 10 minutes of stirring 25 kg of ϵ -caprolactam and 0.9 kg of a commercially available silane adhesion promoter are added.

In the Claims:

Amend the below-indicated claims to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of impregnating [decorative] paper used for the production of [highly] wear-resistant laminate flooring material comprising:
 - a) taking [decorative] paper;
 - b) damping and impregnating said [decorative] paper with an amino resin by the use of metering rollers; and
 - c) additionally spraying onto said damped wet [decorative] paper an additional layer of amino resin in a [special] dispersion containing an abrasive substance; and wherein the final area density relative to the dry mass of raw paper amounts to 100% to 250%.
2. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein [a] the dispersion [of] comprises 100 parts of [an] the amino resin, 20 to 95 parts of the abrasive substance, 0.5 to 2.5 parts of a silane adhesion promoter, 5 to 25 parts of a flow-promoting agent, 0.1 to 0.4 parts of a wetting agent, 0.05 to 0.4 parts of a separating agent and of an amino resin hardener [is employed].
6. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, wherein aluminum oxide [in the form] or corundum [or out of the melt] with a particle size of 60 to 160 μ -m is employed as the abrasive substance.